

## POULTRY

### CHICKENS

The total number of chickens on hand December 1, 2001 (excluding broilers), was 1.95 million head, 5 percent above the 2000 inventory. The value per head at \$4.40 was down \$0.40 from the value for 2000. Total inventory value was \$8.59 million, 4 percent below the total inventory value for 2000. Value of sales of chickens (excluding commercial broilers) was \$773,000, up from \$475,000 in 2000.

### EGGS

Egg production in West Virginia during the production year (December 1, 2000 - November 30, 2001) totaled 235 million eggs. This was 5 percent below the revised total of 247 million eggs in 2000. Layer numbers during 2001 averaged 1.09 million, up 4 percent from the number of layers in 2000. The average annual production per layer was 215 eggs, down 20 eggs from the revised number of 235 eggs per layer in 2000. The average price per dozen was \$1.41, down \$0.05 from 2000. The total value of production was \$27.6 million, down 8 percent from the revised \$30.1 in 2000.

### BROILERS

There were 89.8 million broilers produced in West Virginia during 2001, down 2 percent from 2000. Total pounds produced was 368.2 million pounds, up from the 365.2 million pounds in 2000. Value of production totaled \$143.6 million, up 16 percent from the \$124.2 million in 2000. The average live weight equivalent price of \$0.39 cents per pound was up \$0.05 from 2000.

### TURKEYS

Turkeys raised in West Virginia totaled 4.1 million, unchanged from 2000. Total pounds produced was 90.6 million pounds, up 2 percent from 2000. Value of production totaled \$35.3 million, down 8 percent from the \$38.3 million in 2000. The average live weight equivalent price of \$0.39 per pound was down \$0.04 from the previous year.

### VALUE OF PRODUCTION AND SALES

The combined value of production from eggs, broilers and turkeys and the value of sales from chickens in 2001 was \$207.3 million, up 7 percent from the revised value of \$193.0 million in 2000.

### EGGS: Production, Disposition and Income, 1992-2001

Year	Layers <sup>1/</sup>	Eggs Produced Per Layer <sup>2/</sup>	Total Eggs Produced	Price Per Dozen	Value of Production
	(000) Birds	Number	Million Eggs	Dollars	(000) Dollars
1992	721	215	155	1.04	13,433
1993	974	219	213	1.10	19,525
1994	1,107	226	250	1.15	23,958
1995	1,100	217	239	1.18	23,502
1996	1,046	217	227	1.19	22,511
1997	1,081	227	245	1.21	24,704
1998	1,147	210	241	1.25	25,104
1999	1,099	216	237	1.27	25,093
2000	1,051	235 *	247 *	1.46	35,052 *
2001	1,091	215	235	1.41	27,612

<sup>1/</sup> Average number during the year. <sup>2/</sup> Eggs produced during year divided by average layers on hand during year. \* Revised.